

Amendments to the Specification:

A Substitute Specification is attached hereto, wherein only minor amendments were made.
No new matter has been added.

Please amend the abstract in the following manner:

A method and apparatus for bill verification in a communication and computing environment is disclosed. The apparatus includes a user device ~~(12, 14, 16)~~ and a bill verification device ~~(26)~~. The user device independently generates user data records ~~(36)~~ that describe usage units of a service and transmits ~~(42)~~ the user data records to a bill verification device ~~(26)~~. The bill verification device collects bill calculation information from a user device, from a service provider device ~~(18)~~ and a service provider billing system and independently calculates and generates a bill with embedded inter-bill difference indicators. The bill verification device is further used as a post-billing usage control mechanism.

Attachments: Substitute Specification, Marked-up Version showing changes
Substitute Specification, Clean Version
Replacement Sheet (clean copy of abstract)